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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6653

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, VS, TH

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION ON AIR VIETNAM FLIGHT

REF: STATE 178777

1. THE INFO THAT FOLLOWS WAS DEVELOPED FROM NEWS ARTICLES ON THE EXPLOSION AND A CALL ON THAI CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES.

EMB SAIGON MAY HAVE SUPPLEMENTARY INFO. ON THE CENTRAL ISSUE, THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION, BOTH THE PRESS AND OFFICIAL THAI SOURCES ARE VERY UNCLEAR. OFFICIAL THAI INVESTIGATORS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT AIR VIETNAM HAS REFUSED THEM PERMISSION TO CONDUCT AN ADEQUATE INVESTIGATION, A THEME REPEATED IN THE PRESS AS WELL.

2. ANSWERS GIVEN BELOW CORRESPOND WITH NUMBERS USED FOR QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL.

A) 17:05 BANGKOK TIME 5 SEPT. 1973 - 19 MINUTES AFTER THE FLIGHT LEFT BANGKOK.

B) 54 PASSENGERS:REW NA

C) AIR STEWARDESS:

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NGO THI THANH MAI - BROKEN RIGHT ELBOW, AND 8-INCH

GASH CAUSED BY SHRAPNEL-LIKE METAL FRAGMENT. FRAGMENT, WHICH WAS EMBEDDED IN HER ARM, HAD TO BE REMOVED SURGICALLY. MISS MAI WAS IN A BANGKOK HOSPITAL FOR THREE DAYS.

INJURED PASSENGERS

MRS. HANS HAERRY - MINOR CUTS TO THE HEAD
URSULA HAERRY (10 YRS.) - BURNS TO THE HANDS AND
HENRI TOULA HAERRY (7 YRS.) - WRIST WOUND.
ALL WERE RELEASED AFTER RECEIVING TREATMENT.

1) BOEING 727

E) NA

F) LOCAL AND LIMITED DAMAGE; NO ESTIMATES AVAILABLE

G) 15,000 FT.

H) NA

I) THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN THE COFFEE HEATER AND IN THE COMPARTMENT AREA FOR WARMING MEALS IN THE GALLEY.

(1) THE GALLEY IS LOCATED ON THE RIGHT SIDE

(2) IN THE FRONT 1/3 OF THE PLANE

(3) NA
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